

**DIGITAL MULTI-ROOM, MULTI-SOURCE ENTERTAINMENT
AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK**

**DESCRIPTION
RELATED APPLICATION**

5 The present application is related to U.S. Patent Application No.
09/ 849,693 ~~(Attorney Docket No. 5969-69491)~~ ^{still pending} entitled "CONTROL
MESSAGING FOR AN ENTERTAINMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS
NETWORK" to Tomassetti et al.; U.S. Patent Application No. 09/ 849,698
~~(Attorney Docket No. 5969-69492)~~ ^x entitled "DATA STRUCTURE FOR AN
10 ENTERTAINMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK" to Tomassetti et
~~al.~~ ^{still pending}; and U.S. Patent Application No. 09/ 849,198 ~~(Attorney Docket No. 5969-~~
~~69493)~~ ^x entitled "INITIALIZATION METHOD FOR AN ENTERTAINMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK" to Tomassetti et al., ^{still pending} all filed coincident
herewith and assigned to the assignee of the present invention.

15 **BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

Field of the Invention

The present invention is related to peer to peer local area networks (LANs)
and, more particularly to a peer to peer network wherein control data and
information, especially multimedia information, is provided to stations connected to
20 the network.

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